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SUBJECT US-CANADA RELATIONS: PRESS REACTION

1. COMMENTS OF 15 MEMBERS OF REPUBLICAN WEDNESDAY CLUB IN US-CANADA RELATIONS HAS PROMPTED SARCASTIC EDITORIAL COMMENT IN ST.JOHN S EVENING TELEGRAM (5/4/76) UNDER HEADING "GOOD NEIGHBORS". FRUSTRATIONS OF US NEGOTIATORS WITH WHAT REPORT CALLED CANADA S "DELIBERATELY OBSTRUCTIONIST POSITIONS" VIEWED WITH EQUANIMITY BY NEWSPAPER SINCE THEY (I.E. US NEGOTIATORS) HAVE "HAD THINGS THEIR OWN WAY FOR SO LONG."

2. EDITORIAL WENT ON TO SAY:

"CANADA HAS BEEN FRUSTRATED TOO, E.G. OVER EFFORTS TO DEVELOP TRADE WITH CUBA. THEN, THERE S THE AUTO PACT, THAT THE CONGRESSMEN FEEL SHOULD BE RENEWED. NO WONDER--THE PACT HAS BUILT A LARGE TRADE SURPLUS FOR THE AMERICANS WITH A CORRESPONDING DEFICIT FOR CANADA AND IT S LIKELY THERE LL BE SOME OBSTRUCTION WHEN THE DEAL COMES UP SOON FOR RENEGOTIATION..."

3. CONCLUDING PORTION OF EDITORIAL WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT  
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TRANS-BORDER FRICTIONS ARE STEMMING FROM OTTAWA S "THIRD

OPTION". FINAL SENTENCE DROPPED THE SARCASM AND GAVE  
OPINION THAT THIRD OPTION IS FINE AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT  
GO TOO FAR AND TURN GOOD NEIGHBORS INTO BAD FRIENDS.  
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